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## Carnival Royalty now officially rules Aruba



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## All hail Carnival 58 Youth Queen Edelysse and Children's Queen Ileyna



Reina Hubenil Edelysse Nicolaas and Infantil Ileyna de Cuba

Aruba has its own Miss Universe Pageant, during which the island's candidate for the international competition is chosen, but if any event would be compared to Miss America, it would be the annual selection of the reigning carnival queen.

However, there are four age ranges of carnival queens, and on Friday evening, February 3, Aruba's Youth Queen (Hubenil) and Children's Queen, (Infantil) were selected to reign over Carnival 58.

In a flurry of flounces and cascades of confetti, the young entries displayed their inexhaustible carnival spirit, dancing and prancing for hours before packed house at the Aruba Entertainment Center, as well as the panel of judges.

4 young candidates around the ages of 7 years old competed for the title of Aruba's 36th Children's Queen; however, this year only 2 aspired to be the 46th Youth Queen.

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## Two new kings take their place in the pantheon of carnival royalty



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Calypso King and runnerups

On Saturday evening, February 4, the crucial carnival event of the selection of the Roadmarch and Calypso King (or Queen) was conducted at the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas. 32 singers and 9 bands presented originally composed music which typifies the sound of the Caribbean.

The Roadmarch will become the primary piece of music heard along parade routes throughout the remainder of Carnival 58, while the Calypso, a mix political and social rhetoric (often scathing criticism and frequently humorous), will take its place



Roadmarch King and runnerups

among the annals of immortal island songs.

The contest began at 7:00 PM and the final crown was placed at 3:45 AM. Winner of Calypso King Title was veteran competitor Valentino King, with "Aruba a Dicidi" (Aruba Decides) backed by Banda Band, composer of his and a number of other pieces performed that evening and throughout all the carnival song competitions.

Aruba's new Roadmarch King is Derwin Kemp "Master Gusto" backed by his regular band, Youth Extreme, with the song "Ban Pami"; Valentino King was named 2nd Place Winner. Third Place Roadmarch winner, Sasha Figaroa of the popular Tsunami Band also won 5th Place in the Calypso Contest.

Fourth place Roadmarch winner Jonathan Thiel, who also serves as Aruba's adult Pancho, or Jester, during Carnival 58 was a big winner taking the trophy for Third Place Calypso and also named Best Rookie of the Year. Fifth place Roadmarch went to Anouscka Odor.

In the Calypso Contest, Jer-rino Ridderstap claimed Second Place and Ronwayne Kock Third, both backed by D'Licious Band.

The exciting evening of music and comedy resulted with two new kings to join Aruba's royalty in ruling Carnival 58 with music and song-We be dancing in the streets!



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The final weeks of Carnival season are filled with a frenzied parade of Bacchanalian events, and a tradition is for Aruba's Prime Minister to officially turn over the governing of the island to Prins and Pan-

cho (Jester) of the year, in a comedic ritual performed at the Government House.

Sunday morning, Aruba's freshly chosen Youth and Children's Queens joined Mrs. Carnival and Aruba's Youth

Calypso and Roadmarch Queens to observe their official escorts, the Prins and Pancho of the appropriate age division, receive the "Keys to the Island" from Prime Minister Mike Eman. All were dressed in their full, multi-hued regalia, and made quite a sight being led from the Renaissance Mall by Tecla Kelly-Hernandez, President of the Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, or SAC, the organization which administrates over carnival events.

A beloved part of the ritual is the reciting by the adult Prins and Pancho of their new set of laws which will govern the island for the final two weeks of carnival. This year, among the 16 humorous regulations devised by "Bin Tuma" Eduardo Loefstop and "Bo

Cos" Jonathan Thiel, was the requirement that the PM and Aruba's other major ministers follow the example of the Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, who competed in this year's Tumba musical contest, by writing and performing their own songs as well. The Prins and Pancho were even so forward thinking as to devise ministry-appropriate titles for their songs, with frequent and funny topical references.

Finally, the PM presented each set of Prins and Pancho with their symbol of authority. A key for the adult team, and a sword and scepter for Prins "Kiko a pasa" Jayrick Lopez and Pancho "Nada u'n pasa" Pressy Pesqueira, of the



Children's division and Youth Prins and Pancho "Fabu" Jordan Hilario and "Loso Emon" Webb. Now it is official; let the carnival spirit take over Aruba!

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## Bon Bini Festival is tomorrow night

The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tomorrow night at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel by Ban Baile, folkloric music by Tipico Los Amigos, dance performance by Youth in Action and Heart Breakers, Poem declamation by Samantha Trinidad, soloist Quincy Hasham and brass band New Generation Steel. The event will be hosted by Ryan Maduro.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman.

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## Panama ex-dictator Noriega hospitalized



PANAMA CITY (AF) -- Former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was hospitalized yesterday for what officials said was "hypertension with a possibility of a stroke," a police statement said.

The 77-year-old Noriega, who is incarcerated for crimes committed while in office, was taken from his prison cell to the Hospital Santo Tomas, police said.

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## All hail Carnival 58 Youth and Children's Queen...

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Retiring queen, first runner up and Reina Infantil

Among the sprightly younger candidates the judges felt one was a particular standout, and Ileya Sandra Marie de Cuba, representing the district of Noord, walked away with

every pageant award: Best Speech, Best Show, Best Costume and the popular vote by SMS conducted annually by SETAR N.V., Aruba's telecommunications company, as



well as the crown and the title. 1st Runner-up is Eve- Aaliyah Mirjah, representing the TOB Carnival Group.

When Youth Queen candidate Kimberly Vrolijk repeated the same achievement, being named winner of Best Speech, Best Show and Best Costume, most of those attending assumed she had a lock on the queen title as well.

However, in an upset victory that had her supporters, and Aruba's new Youth Queen

in tears, Edelysse Marlyss Davinah Nicolaas, was named the popular winner by SMS in the SETAR N.V. competition, and subsequently, Aruba's new Reina Hubenil. The audience went wild as the crown was transferred from retiring Youth Queen Mikayla Ruiz.

It was a dramatic and surprising finish to a pageant filled with beautiful costumes and thrilling dance numbers. The two new young queens took their places next to their respective Prins and Pancho, the official escorts and comedians of Carnival, and the Mrs. Carnival elected the week before.

They await the selection of the final young lady who will reign supreme, Carnival Queen 58, which will take place this coming Friday, to complete the roster of Aruba's carnival royalty 2012.



Other Children's Queen Candidates



Best Speech, Costume and Show Kimberly Vrolijk





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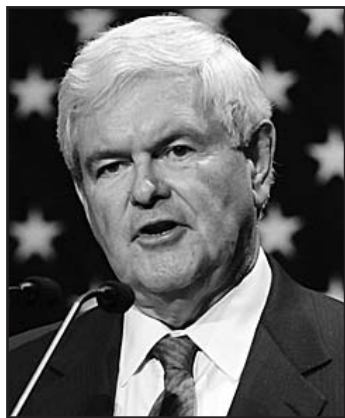
### Gingrich pins hopes on 'Super Tuesday' comeback

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich looked to a "Super Tuesday" vote bonanza in March to rescue his faltering campaign after a second consecutive thumping from rival Mitt Romney.

Gingrich trailed in Nevada by 25-percent of the vote with almost three-quarters of precincts reporting, a second big loss in five days that raises questions about the viability of his challenge as funds dry up.

Speaking on two Sunday morning talk shows, the candidate put a brave face on the defeat and insisted things would be different in a month's time when 10 states votes at once and almost a fifth of all delegates are decided.

"Our goal is to get to Super Tuesday, where we're in much more favorable territory," Gingrich said on NBC's "Meet the Press," adding that he expects to do much better in conservative



southern states like Georgia and Alabama.

Gingrich has vowed a long game in the state-by-state voting battle for the Republican nomination, where 2,286 delegates are at stake and a candidate must accumulate 1,144 votes to win.

The Republican establishment hopes the contest will be over well before the August 27-31 convention, avoiding a bitter fight-to-the-death that could hurt the eventual nominee's chances against Democratic President Barack Obama.

### Carnival cruise ship passengers struck with virus

MIAMI -- More than 100 people on board a cruise ship operated by a unit of Carnival Corp have fallen ill with a stomach virus, the latest setback facing the world's biggest cruise company, which came under scrutiny last month for the Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster in Italy.

Ninety passengers and 13 crew members on the Ruby Princess cruise ship contracted the Norovirus, a contagious gastrointestinal illness that causes vomiting

and diarrhea for one to three days, Julie Benson, a spokeswoman for Princess Cruises, a unit of Carnival, said in a statement.

The Ruby Princess set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on January 29 to the Caribbean and returned to Florida on Sunday, as scheduled. Another Carnival ship, the Crown Princess, was affected by the same virus last week, but it has been sanitized and has already embarked on its next cruise, Benson said.

## Death toll from Europe cold snap passes 300

KIEV (AFP) - The deadly cold snap that has gripped Europe for more than a week strained emergency services, wrought travel chaos and claimed more lives yesterday, bringing to more than 300 the tally of victims.

The homeless population has borne the brunt of the deaths, with dozens of transients freezing to death in unheated apartments, fire escapes or in makeshift street shelters.

Authorities yesterday found two homeless people's bodies in France who had likely frozen to death, bringing to at least 307 the number of cold-related deaths across Europe.

With temperatures plunging as low as minus 40 Celsius (minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit), the grim winter toll also rose in other countries including Italy, Poland and the Ukraine, where another nine deaths brought that country's total fatalities to 131 -- most of them homeless

people who perished on the streets since the freeze started nine days ago, Ukraine's emergencies ministry said.

Some 1,800 people had been hospitalised, and 75,000 people had sought warmth and food in over 3,000 shelters across Ukraine.

The bitter cold front has engulfed much of Europe and even crossed the Mediterranean into north Africa, where as many as 16 people were killed on Algeria's snow-slicked roads or in other weather-related accidents.

In Rome, Italy's normally mild-weathered capital, the snow-covered city was virtually paralysed after black ice streaked the streets and snowed-in residents warned of food shortages.

London's Heathrow Airport, the world's busiest passenger air hub, cancelled half of the Sunday's 1,300 flights after six centimeters (2.4 inches) covered the area. Heavy snow falls in other

parts of Britain left motorway drivers stranded overnight.

The cold claimed eight new victims in Poland, bringing that country's toll to 53, and in Serbia, which has recorded nine deaths, authorities declared states of emergency in 32 municipalities, mostly in the south and southwest.

Almost 70,000 people remained cut off in snowed-in Serbian villages, with police and military units providing basic necessities, said Predrag Maric, the police official in charge of Serbia's emergency services.

In Romania, six new deaths brought the toll to 34.

Overnight temperatures in Finland plummeted to minus 40 degrees Celsius (minus 32 degrees Fahrenheit), but did not deter many Helsinki voters from turning out to vote in a presidential election.

The cold spell is forecast to last until at least the middle of the week.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### France: Europe to strengthen Syria sanctions after UN veto

PARIS (AFP) - Europe will strengthen sanctions imposed on Damascus in a bid to boost pressure on the regime after China and Russia vetoed a UN resolution on the Syrian crisis, France said yesterday.

"Europe will again harden sanctions imposed on the Syrian regime. We will try to increase this international pressure and there will come a time when the regime will have to realise that it is completely isolated and cannot continue," French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said.

Juppe also said that France would "help the Syrian opposition to structure and organise itself" and would be working to create an international group on Syria.

President Nicolas Sarkozy has proposed the creation of a "group of friends" of the Syrian people.

Juppe said Sarkozy "will take steps in the coming days to try to bring together all those who consider the current situation in Syria absolutely intolerable."

Juppe also described the veto by China and Russia as a

"moral stain" on the United Nations and said France would consider a call by Tunisia for all countries to expel Syrian diplomatic envoys.

Russia and China on Saturday blocked a UN Security Council resolution condemning Syria for its crackdown on protests, drawing condemnation from other global powers and the Syrian opposition.

The European Union has already agreed several rounds of sanctions against President Bashar al-Assad's regime, with dozens of regime insiders and companies targeted so far by an assets freeze and travel ban.

The EU is also enforcing an arms embargo and a ban on imports of Syrian crude oil.

Sarkozy on Saturday condemned the veto, saying it encouraged the Syrian regime's crackdown.

The death toll in Syria rose to at least 88 people reported killed over the weekend -- one of the bloodiest since the uprising against Assad's regime erupted almost 11 months ago.

Opposition groups say at least 6,000 people have now been killed in Syria.

### Italy court to rule on ship wreck captain

ROME (AFP) - An Italian court is expected to rule today on whether the captain of the cruise ship Costa Concordia, Francesco Schettino, will remain under house arrest or be released.

Schettino, who faces charges of multiple manslaughter and abandoning ship in the January 13 disaster which cost 32 lives, was taken into police custody the day after the shipwreck.

He was released into house arrest at his home in Meta di Sorrento, near Naples, despite prosecutors' claims he posed

an escape risk and could tamper with evidence.

A Florence court will hear today from prosecutors who want the 52-year-old returned to prison to await trial. The captain's lawyers will argue that he should be freed.

The hearing had been scheduled for February 10 but was brought forward.

Schettino is accused negligently grounding the ship on



Giglio Island off the coast of Tuscany after sailing dangerously close to the shore. The ship capsized with more than 4,200 people on board.

### Egypt clashes rage into fourth day

CAIRO (AFP) - Protesters and police engaged in sporadic clashes yesterday at security headquarters in Cairo as violence raged into a fourth day and the interior minister leapt to the defence of his reviled forces.

The fighting was sparked by the perceived failure of Egypt's military rulers and police to prevent football-linked violence following a match in the northern city of Port Said on Wednesday that left 74 people dead.

Clashes have been fuelled

by police action, including the use of tear gas and birdshot, against protesters, with the health ministry reporting at least 12 people killed in Cairo and Suez in the backlash since Thursday.

Hundreds of riot police yesterday blocked roads leading to the interior ministry headquarters in the center of the capital, facing down youths throwing rocks and petrol bombs.

Police erected several concrete block walls on the roads leading to the ministry, which has become the nerve center of

the skirmishes, while entrenching themselves behind coils of barbed wire.

"There is an insistance by protesters on storming the interior ministry and implementing a plot," said Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim, whose predecessor was sacked in a cabinet shuffle in November following similar clashes.

Ibrahim said police did not want to harm any "revolutionaries" among the protesters, but were prepared to confront others "who want to ruin the country."



KARACHI : Pakistani Muslims march in a rally during celebrations marking Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Mohammed, in Karachi on February 5, 2012. Muslims across the world celebrated the birth of the Prophet Mohammed 12 Rabil ul Awal, a month of the Muslim calendar. (AFP PHOTO)

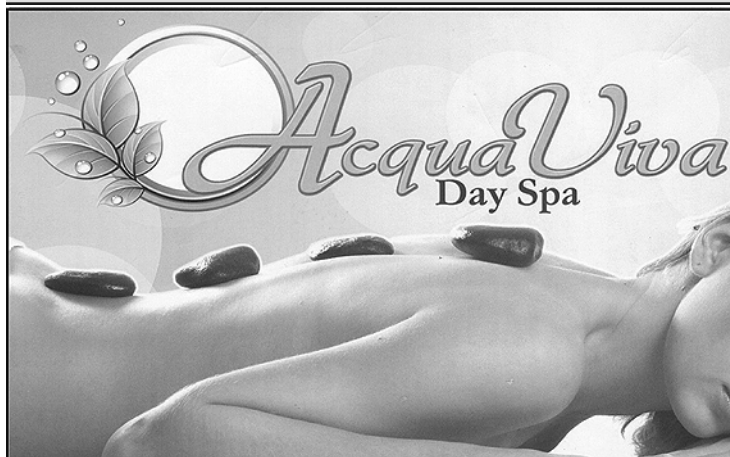


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## Health & Living

### Proposed autism diagnostic criteria roils medical community



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A proposal to use new diagnostic criteria for autism has roiled the US medical community, with many experts concerned that the move could exclude children affected by some forms of the disorder.

The American Psychiatric Association recommended last month that a new category called "autism spectrum disorder" be established to incorporate several forms of autism which were previously considered separately.

These include autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder and pervasive developmental disorder.

Under this new approach, all four would be considered a variation of autism.

But critics are concerned that this may deprive patients of access to welfare, educational and health services that are based on the old definition set by the APA.

The APA defended its decision, saying that the new criteria establishes degrees of severity for the disorder and would help provide more targeted treatment for patients.

But Fred Volkmar, head of the Children's Psychiatry Department at Yale University, believes this revision would exclude up to 60 percent of children now suffering from Asperger's disorder.

Volkmar said he came to this conclusion by applying the new criteria to a study he conducted in 1993 on children suffering from Asperger's and other forms of autism.

According to Geraldine Dawson, chief science officer of Autism Speaks, the largest private foundation in the world dedicated to research of the disorder, it is too early to know "whether there will be or not excluding people who do really have autism spectrum."

But she said her foundation

is "committed to funding research that will explore whether or not the criteria are excluding people, and our goal is to insure that ultimately no one is excluded or is denied services."

The proposed changes have been in the works for the past 15 years because studies "show well now that Asperger's disorder is a form of autism," noted Eric Fombonne, chair of the Children's Psychiatry Department at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

And if the APA decided in 1994 to consider Asperger's separately, it was simply because "at that point we did not know if it was different or just a variation of autism."

Therefore, it was necessary to categorise it separately to study it, he said.

### Environment agency becomes crunch issue in Rio talks

PARIS (AFP) - The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) is emerging as a hot issue in preparations for June's Rio conference, styled as a once-in-a-generation chance to restore a sick planet to good health.

The US is fighting a proposal, backed according to France by at least 100 countries, to transform UNEP from a poorly noticed, second-string unit into a planetary super-agency.

Environmentalists have long complained that Nairobi-based UNEP, set up in 1972 as an office of the UN and with a membership of only 58 nations, lacks clout to deal with the globe's worsening ills.

These range from climate change, water stress and over-fishing to species loss, defor-

estation and ozone-layer depletion.

But the environmental mess also coincides with the crisis of capitalism, which greens say is blind to the cost for Nature in its relentless quest for growth.

The fateful intertwining of these problems points to a unique chance of a solution at the June 20-22 "Rio+20" conference, they argue.

With possibly scores of leaders in attendance, the 20-year follow-up to the famous Earth Summit has the declared aim of making growth both greener and sustainable.

The key vehicle would be UNEP, which according to the vaguely-worded French proposal would be changed into the World Environment Organisation.



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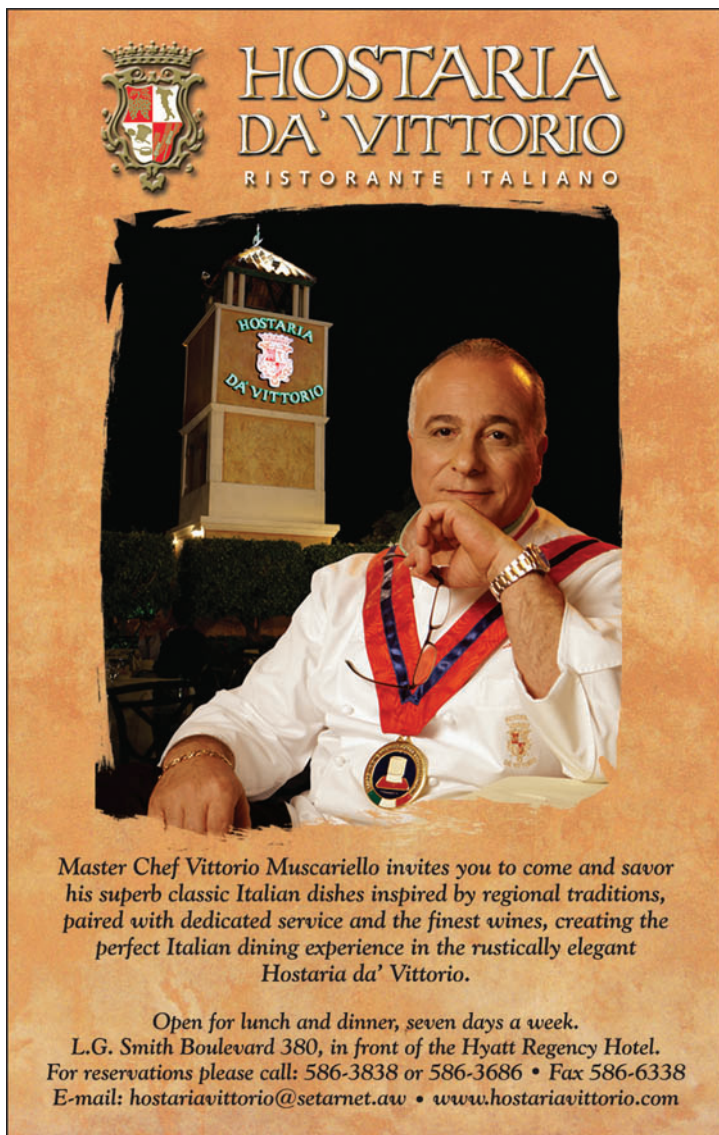
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## US and Spain discuss cleanup of nuclear radiation

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States is offering technical assistance to Spain to clean up land contaminated by radiation from undetonated nuclear bombs that accidentally fell on the area in 1966, the US State Department announced.

On January 17, 1966, a US B-52 bomber carrying four nuclear bombs collided with a KC-135 tanker during mid-air refueling off the coast of Spain. In addition to killing seven crew members on the airplanes, three hydrogen bombs fell to the ground near Palomares and one fell into the

Mediterranean Sea.

The non-nuclear explosives on two of the bombs that hit the ground detonated, spreading seven pounds of plutonium over a 200 hectares (490 acres). The bomb that fell into the sea was recovered intact after a search by the US Navy.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Garcia-Margallo spoke with US State Department Secretary Hillary Clinton about the remediation this week during the Munich Security Conference in Germany, according to the Spanish newspaper Herald of Aragon.



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## Sci-Tech

# Google loses appeal in Taiwan over app refund



(AFP)-Taiwan said it had rejected an appeal by Google against a fine imposed on the US Internet giant for refusing to grant customers a seven-day trial period on its mobile phone apps.

The Taipei City government, which levied the fine of Tw\$1 million (\$33,000) in mid-2011, said the economics

ministry had ruled in its favour.

"We urge Google to respect Taiwan's laws and the rights of our consumers to

resume sales of its Android Market paid apps," it said in a statement.

Taiwan's consumer protection law stipulates that consumers are entitled to a seven-day trial period after purchasing products online, including mobile phone software applications.

The capital city's government last year said that Google and Apple had violated the law and ordered them to amend its trading rules. Apple later complied with the law but Google did not, it said.

Under the terms of service for Google's Android Market, consumers are entitled to a refund only within 15 minutes of purchasing a product online.

Google has suspended the sale of its paid apps in Taiwan since the dispute.

Google Taiwan's officials were not immediately available for comment.

## Brains of addicts are inherently abnormal: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Drug addicts have inherited abnormalities in some parts of the brain which interfere with impulse control, said a British study published in the United States.

Previous research has pointed to these differences, but it was unclear if they resulted from the ravages of addiction or if they were there beforehand to predispose a person to drug abuse.

Scientists at the University of Cambridge compared the brains of addicts to their non-addicted siblings as well as to healthy, unrelated volunteers and found that the siblings shared many of the same weaknesses in their brains.

That indicates that the brain vulnerabilities had a family origin, though somehow the siblings of addicts -- either due to environmental factors or other differences in brain structure -- were able to resist addiction.

"Presumably, the siblings must have some other resilience factors that counteract the familial vulnerability to drug dependence," said the study led by Karen Ersche of the University of Cambridge, published in the journal Science.

"An individual's predisposition to become addicted to stimulant drugs may be mediated by brain abnormalities linked to impaired self-control."

Researchers tested 50 biological sibling pairs, in which one was addicted to drugs and the other one had no history of chronic drug abuse. They also tested 50 healthy, unrelated

pairs of people as a control group.

The tests involved measuring how well they could control their impulses in a stop-signal reaction time test that assesses how quickly a person can switch from following one set of instructions to another.

Addicts are known to have poor impulse control.

The researchers found that the sibling pairs -- even the non-addicts -- fared significantly

worse on the test than the healthy volunteers.

Brain scans showed that the siblings shared some of the same weaknesses in the frontal lobe and its connections to the basal ganglia, which mediates motor, cognition and behavior.

"Several childhood and adolescent interventions can improve executive function and self-control," though more study is needed to see how such work may or may not impact the brain, they wrote.



This photo, released by Oceanlab on February 3, shows a scientist from the University of Aberdeen holding one of the 'supergiant amphipods' off the coast of New Zealand. Scientists have captured these crustaceans in waters seven kilometres (4.4 miles) deep off N.Zealand, measuring 10 times the normal size of related species



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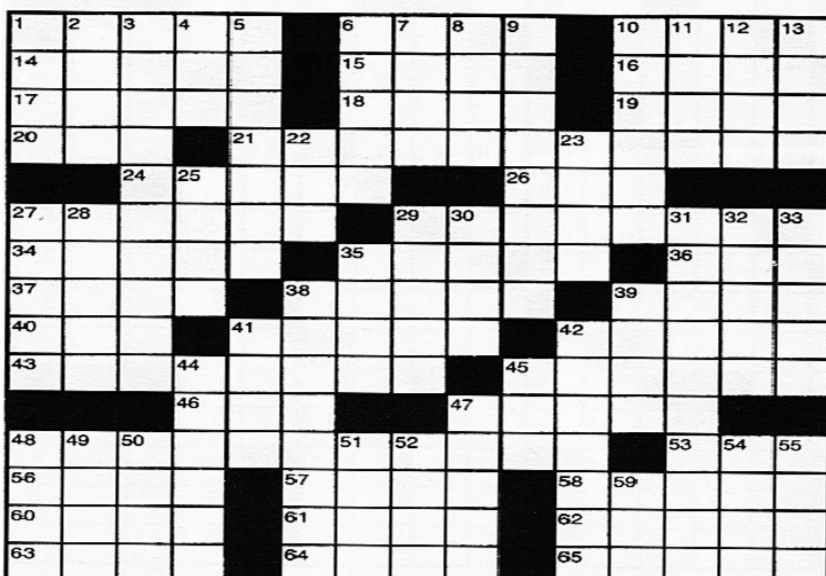
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16. Candy striper, e.g.
17. Type of cabinet
18. Fly like a falcon
19. Spot in the tropics
20. Relative
21. Junior high student
24. Fall guy
26. United
27. Gets a goal
29. Perpendicular

34. Like many a tattered binding
35. Holly Hunter film, with "The"
36. Regulus's constellation
37. Musicians' accessories, for short
38. Intuit
39. Like bald tires
40. Author Charles ("Meeting at Potsdam")
41. Sign of the '60s
42. "\_\_\_ McKee" (1934 Joan Crawford film)
43. Storybook breakfast
45. Garner
46. \_\_\_ Khan

47. Brawl
48. Outstanding performance
53. Golf term
56. Chest rattle
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58. Jonathan, e.g.
60. Fixes a squeak
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2. Vanity case
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8. Sustain
9. Flying
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12. Like a benchwarmer
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22. Tricky road curve
23. Atop
25. Mars, to the Greeks
27. Actor Terence
28. Gem carved in relief
29. Actor Edwards
30. Repose
31. Hayseed
32. Eagle's nest
33. Antisocial one
35. Wampum
38. Calming medication
39. Steam engine pioneer James
41. Oinkers
42. Ancient Persian governors
44. Most bleak
45. "My goodness!"
47. Show mercy toward
48. B'way hits
49. Icy precipitation
50. Spicy stew
51. Poems of praise
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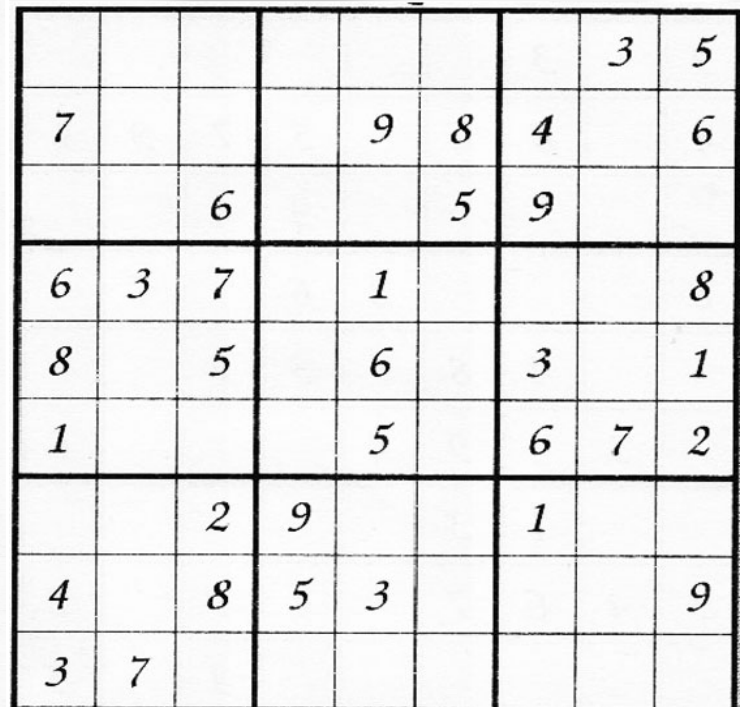
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1	6	5	7	9	3	2	8	4
8	3	6	1	2	4	5	9	7
7	1	6	5	3	8	9	2	4
9	2	4	8	6	1	5	3	7
3	5	8	9	2	7	1	4	6

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## Euro zone insists no Greek rescue without reforms

BRUSSELS - Euro zone finance ministers told Greece it could not go ahead with an agreed deal to restructure privately held debt until it guaranteed to implement reforms to secure a second financing package from the euro zone and the IMF.

Euro zone ministers had hoped to meet today to finalize the second Greek bailout, which has to be in place by mid-March if Athens is to avoid a chaotic default, but the meeting was postponed because of Greek reluctance to commit to reforms.

Instead, the ministers held a conference call on Saturday to



take stock of progress on the second financing package, which euro zone leaders set at 130 billion euros back in October.

"There was a very clear message that was conveyed from all participants of the teleconference ... to the Greeks that enough is enough," one euro zone official said. "There

is a great sense of frustration that they are dragging their feet.

"They should get their act together and start talking honestly, decisively and speedily with the Troika on the aspects of the program that remain to be finalized - on fiscal and labor market reforms," the official said.

The Troika are the representatives of the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, who have prepared a Greek debt sustainability analysis on which the second financing program will be based.

## Wen says China has stake in helping Europe

BEIJING - China has a stake in helping euro zone countries get through their debt crisis, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said in comments published yesterday, pointing to Europe's importance as a market and hinting at more possible support for beleaguered exporters.

Wen's remarks, reported by the official Xinhua news agency, built on comments he made during German Chancellor Angela Merkel's recent visit to China, when he said Beijing was considering increasing its participation in rescue funds to address the European debt cri-

sis. This time, Wen urged skeptical Chinese citizens to understand that supporting Europe was in their own benefit.

"Now Europe is facing a debt crisis and we must consider relations with Europe strategically to protect our national interests," Wen said while visiting the export-dependent southern Chinese province of Guangdong on Saturday, said Xinhua.

China, with its \$3.2 trillion worth foreign exchange reserves, is often seen as a potential source for funds needed to bail out some European gov-

ernments.

The Chinese premier's latest comments on the euro crisis again did not include any specific commitments to European economies. But he stressed the stake that China holds in defusing the euro crisis.

China has repeatedly said it supports a stable euro, and according to most estimates, China has about a quarter of its foreign exchange reserves in euro assets.

But Beijing has consistently been reluctant to make specific promises about any contributions to the rescue funds.

## Finance

## Swiss media blame banks for caving in to US pressure

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss banks came under fire in yesterday's newspapers for giving in to US demands on banking secrecy.

"Swiss banks capitulate" wrote the French-language *Le Matin Dimanche* describing a situation of panic "since the blow to Bank Wegelin."

Switzerland's oldest bank Wegelin faces US criminal charges on allegations it helped Americans evade paying taxes on assets that could be valued at \$1.2 billion.

The finance ministry said on January 31 that it would hand over thousands of encoded bank documents to US investigators.

*Le Matin Dimanche* said Wegelin had been in the sights of US authorities since 2009.

The mass circulation German-language *Sonntags Blick* carried this front page headline: "Tax sinners: Swiss banks have betrayed 29,700 Americans."

Wegelin was founded in 1741, but on January 27 it announced the sale of its non-US activities to fellow Swiss bank

Raiffeisen "as a consequence of the increasingly threatening situation surrounding Wegelin & Co Private Bankers in the US tax dispute".

*Sonntags Blick* carried a double page interview with the US Ambassador to Switzerland Donald Beyer in which the envoy said the bank should have known it was illegal to take clients of UBS.

"The management of the bank should know the risks involved. It is clear that the U.S. tax authorities would react," said Beyer.

"Tax dispute: federal authorities plan white money strategy" was the headline in *Sonntags Zeitung*, referring to a plan to cooperate with other jurisdictions on tax evasion whilst protecting customer identity.

"We face all the consequences of our responsibilities and will focus on the pending litigation with US law enforcement agencies," Wegelin senior managing partner Konrad Hummler was quoted as saying.



AFP photo, taken February 3, 2012, shows workers at the site of the under construction Lynas plant in Gebeng, some 270 kilometres east of Kuala Lumpur. Australian miner Lynas Corp on February 1, 2012 received a preliminary license to operate the plant in eastern Malaysia, which will process rare earths imported from the Mount Weld mine in Western Australia. The facility is set to become one of the few sites outside China to process rare earths -- metals used in high-tech equipment ranging from missiles to mobile phones.

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CAVORTS	STRIP	
OBI	VOTE	AGNATE
DESDEMONA	ESTER	
ALTO	IRIS	SERAI
SEAT	CEDE	SLAMS



## Depardieu to star in film on Strauss-Kahn scandal: report



PARIS (AFP) - Controversial US director Abel Ferrara says he is to make a film on the sex scandal that destroyed Frenchman Dominique Strauss-Kahn's political career -- with Gerard Depardieu in the starring role.

A film about sex and politics, it would co-star Isabelle Adjani as Strauss-Kahn's wife Anne Sinclair, Ferrara told French newspaper Le Monde.

Strauss-Kahn, who was seen as a Socialist contender for the French presidency, was forced to resign as head of the International Monetary Fund last May after he was charged with sexually assaulting a New York hotel maid.

Charges were later dropped, but he remains dogged by sexual scandal in France.

Sinclair, a former television anchor and the multi-million-

aire heiress to an art fortune, has stood by her husband throughout.

Ferrara told Le Monde the film would be shot in New York, Paris and Washington.

In recent months, the project had been frequently rumoured -- and just as frequently denied by Ferrara's producers Wildbunch.

This time however Ferrara told Le Monde that he was the director and no one was going to stop him talking about his film.

He had met Depardieu at the Deauville film festival last September and said he was everything a filmmaker could expect from an actor.

The script was already written, he added.

Ferrara is perhaps best known for the hard-hitting 1992 film "Bad Lieutenant," starring Harvey Keitel as a corrupt New York cop.

His films are often dark, violent stories dealing with the underside of life.

He frequently works with actors who themselves have an edgy reputation such as Keitel, Christopher Walken and Willem Dafoe.

## Son of actor Ryan O'Neal sentenced to jail

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Griffin O'Neal, the elder son of US actor Ryan O'Neal, has been sentenced to 16 months in prison for causing a car accident while driving under the influence of drugs.

The driver of the other vehicle involved in the accident, which occurred last August, was seriously injured.

O'Neal, who was on parole at that time following another incident of driving under the influence of drugs, was arrested a month later.

A test revealed that O'Neal had traces of five different types of drugs in his bloodstream, including cocaine and marijuana, at the time of the accident.

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## Fidel Castro presents his memoirs -- "Time Guerrilla"

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban leader Fidel Castro presented two volumes of his memoir entitled "Time Guerrilla" in a ceremony that marked his first public appearance since last April, Cuban media reported.

The memoirs trace his life from infancy until 1958, when he succeeded in leading a revolution that turned Cuba into a communist country aligned with the Soviet Union.

Castro's recollection of events is reported through conversations with journalist Katiuska Blanco.

"I have to seize the opportunity now because my memory is spent," the 85-year-old Castro told guests at a presentation Friday at the Palace of Conventions in Havana.

The Cuban leader had not been seen in public since April 2011 when he attended the closing ceremony of a Communist Party congress.

Among the guests was Abel Prieto, Cuba's cultural minister; Miguel Barnet, president of the Union of Writers and Artists; and Blanco, the book's author.

"I'm willing to do everything possible to convey what I remember well," Castro was quoted as saying in the official newspapers Granma, Young Rebel and on the website Cubadebate. "I've been expressing all the ideas I had and the feelings that I went through. I am aware of the importance of telling all this to pass it so that it can be useful."

During the conversations with Blanco, which span 1,000 pages in the book, Castro said, "I prefer an old clock, old eyeglasses, old boots and in politics, everything new."

Blanco, who also authored the first official biography of

Castro and his family, presents his memoirs in the form of questions and answers.

The book is similar to "One Hundred Hours with Fidel," a book of conversations between Castro and Spanish journalist Ignacio Ramonet, published in late 2006, just after the Cuban leader turned over power to his brother, Raul, amid a health crisis.

Since then, Castro has dedicated himself to publishing a book that narrates his experi-

ences during the Cuban revolution and writing columns in the media titled "Reflections." The columns expound on his views on current events.

Castro gave copies of his two-volume memoirs to Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff during her visit to Cuba this week, according to diplomatic sources in Brazil.

The memoirs are published by Editora Abril and illustrated with photographs and drawings by the Cuban painter Ernesto Rancano.

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## Hernandez equaliser caps superb United comeback



Manchester United's Javier Hernandez (L) scores a goal during their English Premier League football match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in London.

LONDON (AFP) - Javier Hernandez scored a late equaliser as Manchester United staged a stunning three-goal comeback to claim a point in a thrilling 3-3 draw against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

Sir Alex Ferguson's side looked destined for defeat when a Jonny Evans own goal and strikes from Juan Mata

and David Luiz put Chelsea three up by the 50th minute.

But United were handed a route back into the game thanks to two controversial penalties, both converted by Wayne Rooney, before Mexican substitute Hernandez headed the equaliser with six minutes remaining.

The result left Ferguson's

second-placed side two points behind Manchester City at the head of the Premier League table, but the manner in which they claimed a point meant they left west London in buoyant mood.

For Chelsea, a draw felt like defeat, a feeling reflected in the boos that greeted the final whistle after they had conceded a three-goal lead for the first time since the inception of the Premier League in 1992.

Andre Villas-Boas's side now sit just one point ahead of fifth-placed Newcastle and face a testing challenge if they are to hold onto a top four place.

The build-up to the game had been dominated by the FA's decision to strip Chelsea skipper John Terry of the England captaincy for a second time, but the way events unravelled quickly diverted attention back to the game.

The FA acted after it became clear Terry will face trial on charges of racially abusing

QPR's Anton Ferdinand would be held in July after Euro 2012.

Terry was missing with a knee injury but the fall-out continued with some home

supporters booing Rio Ferdinand, Anton's brother, whenever the Manchester United defender touched the ball.

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## Golf: Lawrie wins Qatar Masters .... continued from page 16

He is also on course to win a second Ryder Cup cap 13 years after his first, and if manages stay in the top 50 for another seven weeks he will make a return to The Masters in April after an eight-year gap.

Lawrie added: "When you've got a chance to win a

tournament you don't sleep as well the night before and things go racing through your mind.

Lawrie was reminded that his 1999 victory in Qatar was followed five months later by lifting The Claret Jug at Carnoustie. "Now wouldn't

that be nice to get that again?"

Day was all praise for Lawrie.

"It's been a very successful week and I did everything I could to try and catch him," the Australian said.

Hanson, who was tied in second place with Day, said the way Lawrie was playing, others could only try for the runner-up position.

"He holed out when he should, made all those clutch putts and chipped in a couple of times. To go out in the lead and shoot 65 on this golf course is an unbelievable achievement."

American Daly was also a happy man, having made a promising start to the year.

"It's a great start - a very unexpected start," the flamboyant Daly smiled after a final round 67. "My goals are to get my European Tour card and maybe get into the DP World Tour Championship at the end of the year."

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## Hernandez equaliser caps superb United comeback ..... continued from page 14

Terry's absence paved the way for Gary Cahill to make his Chelsea debut following his £7 million transfer from Bolton alongside Luiz at the heart of the Blues defence.

And the centre back quickly found himself at the centre of controversy when his last-ditch challenge sent Danny Welbeck tumbling on the edge of the Chelsea penalty area with 11 minutes gone.

Referee Howard Webb waved away claims for a penalty, just as had two minutes earlier when Ashley Young went down under a challenge from Jose Bosingwa.

It was little wonder, then, that Ferguson was showing signs of frustration although for 36 minutes his side looked

in control of the game and were creating the better chances.

The balance of the game swung, however, when Sturridge prised open the United defence, easily rounding Patrice Evra before delivering a hard, low cross from close to De Gea's near post.

De Gea stuck out a leg to block the cross but succeeded only in deflecting it against Evans and off his stomach into the goal.

And any hopes United had of quickly getting back on level terms disappeared 30 seconds after the restart when Mata met Torres's right wing cross with an unstoppable volley that flew past De Gea.

The visitors again contributed to their own downfall

as Chelsea scored again five minutes later.

Sturridge out-foxed Evra once again, this time drawing a foul from the United full back. From Mata's resulting free-kick, Luiz headed goalwards and his effort deflected off Ferdinand and past De Gea.

United looked dead and buried but Ferguson's side were given a route back into the game in the 58th minute when Sturridge and Evra again clashed -- this time in the Chelsea area -- and Webb decided to award a spot-kick that was clinically converted by Rooney.

The introduction of Paul Scholes added to the sense the visitors could regain control of

central midfield.

And United scored again in the 68th minute when Webb decided in their favour after Welbeck tumbled over the outstretched leg of Branislav Ivanovic.

Welbeck seemed as though he was looking for the foul but that made no difference to Rooney, who converted his second penalty of the game.

The comeback was complete in the 84th minute when Hernandez headed home from Giggs' cross after Cech had parried Rooney's powerful shot.

There was still time for Chelsea to threaten a winner and de Gea made two superb saves to keep out Mata's free-kick and Cahill's drive.

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## Golf: Lawrie wins Qatar Masters



Paul Lawrie of Scotland poses with his trophy after winning the Qatar Masters at the Doha Golf Club in the Qatari capital

DOHA (AFP) - Paul Lawrie stroked a fluent 65 to win the Qatar Masters for the second time with a four-shot win over Jason Day and Peter Hanson at the Doha Golf Club on Sunday.

The Scotsman produced a bogey-free third round in the truncated tournament as the chasing pack made crucial errors to win his seventh European Tour title with an aggregate of 15-under 201 for 54 holes.

Lawrie's first win in Qatar came in 1999, the same year he claimed the British Open at Carnoustie.

Holding a one-shot lead after the second round on Saturday, Lawrie struck a brilliant eagle on the 639-yard par-five ninth hole, giving him a two shot cushion over Day, who began with four consecutive birdies but dropped two shots by the time he finished his first nine holes.

Lawrie calmly went along picking up shots and by the time he birdied the 16th and 17th holes he had the Mother of Pearl trophy firmly in his grip.

The 43-year-old Scot then parred the 18th to complete the formalities.

"I don't think I can play much better than that," Lawrie said. "I've been playing well for a long, long time, but it's just nice to come out one ahead and shoot seven under."

Day was on fire on the back nine too, picking up four straight birdies from the 10th to 13, but could only par the next four to lose steam.

He was with an eagle chance on the 18th but missed

by a whisker, the birdie giving him an aggregate of 11 under.

Hanson needed an eagle on the final hole to overtake Day, but finished with a birdie for a second-place tie with the Australian. John Daly finished two shots down for fourth.

The victory ensures Lawrie a place in the 64-man World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play in Arizona later in February and the 24-man Volvo World Match Play in Spain in May.

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## NFL: Six voted into Hall of Fame but Parcels snubbed

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Curtis Martin, fourth on the NFL all-time rushing list with 14,101 yards, was among six players voted into the American Football Hall of Fame on Saturday while some big names were snubbed.

Defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy, offensive tackle Willie Roaf, defensive end Chris Doleman, center Dermontti Dawson and cornerback Jack Butler, a seniors category nominee, were also selected to the US sport shrine.

On the eve of Sunday's Super Bowl 46 championship showdown between the New England Patriots and New York Giants, the Hall of Fame selection committee gathered to pick 2012 inductees from among 17 retired NFL legend finalists.

Among those who were denied a place among the all-

time gridiron elites were coach Bill Parcels, receivers Cris Carter and Andre Reed, running back Jerome Bettis and defender Charles Haley, the only five-time Super Bowl champion.

New England coach Bill Belichick and New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin each worked as assistants under Parcels.

A candidate needed at least 80 percent support from the 44-member panel to be enshrined. Induction ceremonies will be staged August 4 at the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

The panel eliminated Bettis, receiver Tim Brown, lineman Will Shields, linebacker Kevin Greene and former San Francisco 49ers owner Ed DeBartolo Jr in a first round of voting that trimmed the candidate list to 12.

From there, the committee voted down Parcels, Carter,

Reed, Haley, defensive back Aeneas Williams and 1950s guard Dick Stanfel, leaving the final enshrines.

Doleman made 150 career sacks, fourth in NFL history at the time of his retirement, in a 15-season career with Minnesota, Atlanta and San Francisco.

Butler ranked second in NFL career interceptions when he retired in 1959 after

nine seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the same team for which Dawson blocked for 13 seasons before retiring in 2000.

Kennedy spent 13 seasons with the Seattle Seahawks before retiring in 2000 while Roaf played 13 NFL seasons, nine with New Orleans and four more at Kansas City before retiring in 2005.

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